

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

November 2006

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended November 11, 2006, there were 497,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan during November 2006, a decrease of 3,800 from October 2006 but 18,800 more than the number employed in November 2005.

Agricultural employment was 44,600 persons in November 2006, down 3,100 from the October 2006 level of 47,700 but 100 more than the November 2005 agricultural employment level of 44,500. Non-agricultural employment was 453,300 persons in November 2006. This is a decrease of 700 from the October 2006 non-agriculture employment level of 454,000 but 18,700 more than November 2005.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for November 2006 was 3.5 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the October 2006 rate of 3.3 percent but 1.3 percentage points lower than the November 2005 level of 4.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 2,600 to 516,300 persons in November 2006 from 518,900 persons in October 2006. This is 13,000 more than the November 2005 labour force of 503,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.3 percentage points to 69.2 percent in November 2006 from 69.5 percent in October 2006. The November 2005 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 67.2 percent.

There were 18,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during November 2006. This is an increase of 1,100 from October 2006 but is 5,900 less than the number unemployed in November 2005.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 499,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in November 2006, down 600 from the October 2006 level of 500,300 but is up 18,700 from the November 2005 employment level of 481,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2006 was 3.9 percent. This is unchanged from October 2006 and 1.3 percentage points lower than the November 2005 rate of 5.2 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 47,900 persons in November 2006 to 16,575,500 persons from 16,623,400 persons in October 2006. In November 2005, there were 16,295,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points to 5.9 percent from the October 2006 level of 5.6 percent. In November 2005, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.0 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.3 percent in November 2006. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than October 2006 but 0.1 percentage points lower than the November 2005 level of 6.4 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca)

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	November 2006	October 2006	November 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b>CANADA</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	17,622.9	17,606.7	17,332.8	16.2	290.1
Employed ('000)	16,575.5	16,623.4	16,295.1	-47.9	280.4
Full-Time ('000)	13,453.7	13,593.1	13,186.2	-139.4	267.5
Part-Time ('000)	3,121.9	3,030.3	3,109.0	91.6	12.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,047.4	983.3		64.1	1,047.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.6	6.0	0.3	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.3	6.2	6.4	0.1	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	66.9	66.8	0.0	0.1
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	516.3	518.9	503.3	-2.6	13.0
Employed ('000)	497.9	501.7	479.1	-3.8	18.8
Full-Time ('000)	400.6	404.1	382.3	-3.5	18.3
Part-Time ('000)	97.3	97.6	96.8	-0.3	0.5
Unemployed ('000)	18.3	17.2	24.2	1.1	-5.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	3.3	4.8	0.2	-1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.9	3.9	5.2	0.0	-1.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	69.5	67.2	-0.3	2.0
<b>ALBERTA</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	1,972.4	1,957.7	1,872.4	14.7	100.0
Employed ('000)	1,909.7	1,901.7	1,796.6	8.0	113.1
Full-Time ('000)	1,600.6	1,606.9	1,488.7	-6.3	111.9
Part-Time ('000)	309.1	294.8	307.9	14.3	1.2
Unemployed ('000)	62.6	56.0	75.8	6.6	-13.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	2.9	4.0	0.3	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.0	4.2	0.1	-1.1
Participation Rate (%)	73.5	73.2	72.6	0.3	0.9
<b>MANITOBA</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	613.0	612.8	606.6	0.2	6.4
Employed ('000)	586.5	590.1	583.4	-3.6	3.1
Full-Time ('000)	468.9	469.3	465.6	-0.4	3.3
Part-Time ('000)	117.6	120.9	117.8	-3.3	-0.2
Unemployed ('000)	26.5	22.7	23.2	3.8	3.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	3.7	3.8	0.6	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.6	4.2	4.1	0.4	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.6	68.1	0.0	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	November <u>2006</u>	October <u>2006</u>	November <u>2005</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	516.3	518.9	503.3	-2.6	13.0
Male	274.9	276.9	270.7	-2.0	4.2
Female	241.3	242.0	232.7	-0.7	8.6
15-24 Years of Age	95.7	96.2	90.1	-0.5	5.6
25+ Years of age	420.6	422.7	413.3	-2.1	7.3
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	497.9	501.7	479.1	-3.8	18.8
Male	264.7	267.3	256.1	-2.6	8.6
Female	233.2	234.3	223.0	-1.1	10.2
15-24 Years of Age	89.7	90.3	80.8	-0.6	8.9
25+ Years of age	408.3	411.4	398.3	-3.1	10.0
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	18.3	17.2	24.2	1.1	-5.9
Male	10.2	9.5	14.6	0.7	-4.4
Female	8.1	7.6	9.7	0.5	-1.6
15-24 Years of Age	6.0	5.9	9.2	0.1	-3.2
25+ Years of age	12.3	11.2	15.0	1.1	-2.7
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	3.5	3.3	4.8	0.2	-1.3
Male	3.7	3.4	5.4	0.3	-1.7
Female	3.4	3.1	4.2	0.3	-0.8
15-24 Years of Age	6.3	6.1	10.2	0.2	-3.9
25+ Years of age	2.9	2.6	3.6	0.3	-0.7
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	69.2	69.5	67.2	-0.3	2.0
Male	74.7	75.3	73.4	-0.6	1.3
Female	63.8	64.0	61.3	-0.2	2.5
15-24 Years of Age	69.7	70.0	65.1	-0.3	4.6
25+ Years of age	69.1	69.5	67.7	-0.4	1.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	November <u>2006</u>	October <u>2006</u>	November <u>2005</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	44.6	47.7	44.5	-3.1	0.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	23.1	22.2	19.8	0.9	3.3
Utilities	4.1	4.6	4.2	-0.5	-0.1
Construction	29.7	33.3	28.9	-3.6	0.8
Manufacturing	28.6	28.2	29.9	0.4	-1.3
Trade	83.0	80.1	74.6	2.9	8.4
Transportation and Warehousing	26.2	26.3	26.9	-0.1	-0.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.3	26.1	24.9	0.2	1.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.6	19.9	17.3	0.7	3.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.3	12.4	13.0	-2.1	-2.7
Educational Services	41.9	40.6	39.8	1.3	2.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	60.6	58.8	57.7	1.8	2.9
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.7	20.3	19.6	-0.6	0.1
Accommodation and Food Services	31.7	31.8	27.2	-0.1	4.5
Other Services	20.3	22.0	23.4	-1.7	-3.1
Public Administration	27.2	27.4	27.4	-0.2	-0.2
Total	497.9	501.7	479.1	-3.8	18.8
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	400.6	404.1	382.3	-3.5	18.3
Part-Time	97.3	97.6	96.8	-0.3	0.5
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	403.0	404.9	380.2	-1.9	22.8
Public Sector	122.6	121.8	119.2	0.8	3.4
Private Sector	280.5	283.2	261.0	-2.7	19.5
Self-Employed	94.9	96.7	99.1	-1.8	-4.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	November <u>2006</u>	October <u>2006</u>	November <u>2005</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,575.5	16,623.4	16,295.1	-47.9	280.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	216.1	221.4	214.0	-5.3	2.1
Prince Edward Island	67.4	69.2	67.2	-1.8	0.2
Nova Scotia	443.2	445.2	441.0	-2.0	2.2
New Brunswick	350.7	355.5	351.7	-4.8	-1.0
Quebec	3,776.0	3,805.4	3,734.3	-29.4	41.7
Ontario	6,518.8	6,505.2	6,459.9	13.6	58.9
Manitoba	586.5	590.1	583.4	-3.6	3.1
Saskatchewan	497.9	501.7	479.1	-3.8	18.8
Alberta	1,909.7	1,901.7	1,796.6	8.0	113.1
British Columbia	2,209.1	2,228.1	2,168.0	-19.0	41.1
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	5.9	5.6	6.0	0.3	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.3	12.8	14.7	0.5	-1.4
Prince Edward Island	11.4	9.2	10.6	2.2	0.8
Nova Scotia	7.1	7.2	8.1	-0.1	-1.0
New Brunswick	7.8	7.2	8.6	0.6	-0.8
Quebec	7.9	7.0	7.9	0.9	0.0
Ontario	5.9	5.8	5.5	0.1	0.4
Manitoba	4.3	3.7	3.8	0.6	0.5
Saskatchewan	3.5	3.3	4.8	0.2	-1.3
Alberta	3.2	2.9	4.0	0.3	-0.8
British Columbia	4.6	4.2	4.5	0.4	0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS****(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<b><u>Sept-Nov 2006</u></b>	<b><u>Aug-Oct 2006</u></b>	<b><u>Sept-Nov 2005</u></b>	<b><u>Change from Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	6.9	7.7	7.4	-0.8	-0.5
Halifax	4.3	4.7	5.0	-0.4	-0.7
Saint John	4.8	6.0	6.5	-1.2	-1.7
Quebec	5.0	5.1	3.8	-0.1	1.2
Montreal	7.6	7.7	8.8	-0.1	-1.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.5	5.5	5.8	0.0	-0.3
Greater Sudbury	6.8	7.8	7.5	-1.0	-0.7
Toronto	6.5	6.9	6.0	-0.4	0.5
Winnipeg	4.4	4.6	4.4	-0.2	0.0
Regina	4.4	4.6	4.7	-0.2	-0.3
Saskatoon	2.8	3.9	5.3	-1.1	-2.5
Calgary	2.8	3.2	4.5	-0.4	-1.7
Edmonton	3.4	3.8	3.9	-0.4	-0.5
Vancouver	4.0	4.3	4.5	-0.3	-0.5
Victoria	3.9	4.4	4.4	-0.5	-0.5
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	151.4	151.4	145.9	0.0	5.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.6	55.4	50.2	-0.8	4.4
Saskatoon-Biggar	160.2	158.3	150.3	1.9	9.9
Yorkton-Melville	39.9	40.6	42.2	-0.7	-2.3
Prince Albert & Northern	93.4	95.2	91.2	-1.8	2.2

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 6

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY**  
**FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Sept-Nov <u>2006</u>	Aug-Oct <u>2006</u>	Sept-Nov <u>2005</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	517.2	522.5	505.1	-5.3	12.1
Employed ('000)	498.4	499.4	479.8	-1.0	18.6
Unemployed ('000)	18.9	23.0	25.4	-4.1	-6.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	4.4	5.0	-0.8	-1.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	70.0	67.5	-0.7	1.8
Employment Rate (%)	66.8	66.9	64.1	-0.1	2.7
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	480.1	485.3	468.2	-5.2	11.9
Employed ('000)	465.3	467.3	448.6	-2.0	16.7
Unemployed ('000)	14.8	18.0	19.6	-3.2	-4.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1	3.7	4.2	-0.6	-1.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.9	70.6	67.7	-0.7	2.2
Employment Rate (%)	67.7	68.0	64.9	-0.3	2.8
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	37.1	37.1	37.0	0.0	0.1
Employed ('000)	33.0	32.1	31.2	0.9	1.8
Unemployed ('000)	4.1	5.0	5.8	-0.9	-1.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.0	13.5	15.6	-2.5	-4.6
Participation Rate (%)	62.9	63.1	64.1	-0.2	-1.2
Employment Rate (%)	56.0	54.6	54.2	1.4	1.8
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	14.2	14.4	14.6	-0.2	-0.4
Employed ('000)	12.1	11.5	11.5	0.6	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	2.1	2.9	3.1	-0.8	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.9	20.2	21.2	-5.3	-6.3
Participation Rate (%)	53.1	54.0	55.8	-0.9	-2.7
Employment Rate (%)	45.2	43.1	43.9	2.1	1.3
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	22.9	22.7	22.4	0.2	0.5
Employed ('000)	20.9	20.6	19.7	0.3	1.2
Unemployed ('000)	2.0	2.1	2.7	-0.1	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	9.1	11.9	-0.6	-3.4
Participation Rate (%)	71.2	70.7	71.3	0.5	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	65.1	64.2	62.8	0.9	2.3

## Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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